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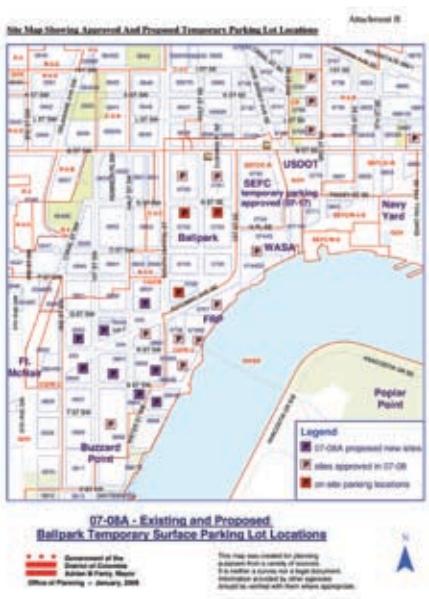
According to www.dcyards.com, the bid deadline for the first building 160 was extended to Jan. 30, 2008. Building 160, the brown and white building south of N St. at 3rd SE (the historic Pattern/Joiner Shop) will be converted to 170 apartments by the Spring of 2009. Master Developer Forest City Washington tells The Southwester that “three other building at The Yards (Bldg. 167, Bldg. 202 and the D-1 building) will be put out for bid in the spring.”

According to www.dcyards.com, the delivery dates for the historic Boilermaker Shop (building 167) is estimated to be in the fall. As for building 202 and the first office building (D1) will be delivered in 2011.

Excellent views of present and future appearances of these renovations are presented on Jacqueline Dupree's blog www.jdland.com.

If you want to find out what is happening in DC in regards to construction, go to <http://dcmud.blogspot.com/> and then search for different construction sites.

Two good sites which tell about construction in near SE are www.jdland.com and www.dcyards.com



Ballpark Parking Invades SW

The Nationals and the DC Office of Planning are proposing new parking lots for baseball fans in Southwest on Q St. SW, First St. SW, Potomac Ave. SW etc. (shown in purple) after months of assurances this would never happen. ANC6D is vehemently opposed.

By Carole Early

The groundbreaking ceremony for a wonderful new complex, The Arena Stage Mead Center for the American Theater took place on January 30, 2008. It will reopen in the 2010 fall season. Arena Stage has existed at 6th and M Streets, Southwest for over 47 years. The Artistic Director Molly Smith arrived here 10 years ago. Her vision for the building caused Arena's board to look at the space in a new light. A “cradle,” a small theater for new works was conceived, along with new restrooms, a larger lobby, classrooms for education programs and underground parking.

About 9 years ago, it became known that Arena Stage needed more space and was thinking of moving. Our former councilwoman, Sharon Ambrose was an early and important advocate for Arena Stage to stay in Southwest. The theater decided to remain and serves as a crucial part of the Southwest Waterfront

Arena Groundbreaking



Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater – named to honor the visionary philanthropy of Arena Stage Life Trustees Gilbert and Jaylee Mead – will be a state-of-the-art theater campus for the presentation of classic and contemporary dramas and musicals. (Rendering by Bing Thom Architects)

revitalization.

Bing Thom, head of Bing Thom Architects is creating a new campus with all of the components of a world class

theater complex. To date, Arena Stage has raised \$107 million toward their

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Mayor Fenty Pledges \$200 million to Maine Ave. SW Waterfront

By Carole Early

At the January 15th press conference, Mayor Adrian Fenty announced the introduction of legislation to enable the District's \$200,000,000 public financing and a land disposition to a development team led by PN Hoffman and Struever Brothers, Eccles & Rouse. The Hoffman-Struever Team will lead the transformation of the 23-acre site into a 1.1 Billion world-class waterfront destination that will reconnect the District to the waterfront and attract local, regional, and international visitors. The 2 million square foot project will be an anchor to the revitalization of the M Street corridor connecting SE and SW Washington. Construction will begin in 2010.

Hoffman-Streuer's plan aims to produce an active, urban riverfront and park system, showcase distinctive cultural destinations, and build upon the existing, strong waterfront community. This was a press conference where the mayor, the developers, and council member Tommy Wells spoke. He talked about the underutilization of the Waterfront and the importance of the project both locally, nationally and internationally.

“Over the past two years we've studied waterfalls all over the world, reached



The Future Billion Dollar Maine Ave. SW Waterfront Rendering for Hoffman-Struever Waterfront LLC, developers, by Darius, Architectural Illustrator.

out and forged working relationships and agreements with existing leaseholders, and conducted over 100 meetings with regulatory agencies and surrounding stakeholders,” said Monty Hoffman, CEO of PN Hoffman. “This is just the beginning of the process to create a ‘world class’ waterfront. We will continue to work with the mayor’s office on making a waterfront that draws visitors from everywhere, but our first commitment is to the people of Washington, DC. The Potomac River is our greatest natural resource and first and foremost, this project will reconnect Washington with its waterfront. We look forward to working with the City Council to achieve passage of the Mayor’s legislative proposal so that District residents can see a shovel in the ground by 2010.”

As someone who has lived in Southwest for almost 40 years, I felt a bit of skepticism when I arrived at the press confer-

ence. I had heard previous proposals for a “New and Exciting Waterfront” Was this going to be “déjà vu”? Talk of a Waterfront Renovation has been heard ever since the Urban Land Institute, ULI, released a study of the future of SW in March of 1999.

After attending the press conference, I feel that the waterfront revitalization is a reality and that Monty Hoffman is just the man to see this construction through to completion. Tommy Wells spoke about the underutilization of the Waterfront and the importance of the project both locally, nationally and internationally.

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In addition to the prices listed above, full process color ads pay an additional \$100 for a half page or smaller and \$200 additional for a full page.

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Correction

The Southwester received an email from Jacqueline Dupree, the web manager of the jdlnd website. The photo which was on the front page of the February issue was her photo and not in the public domain. I, Carole Early regret not getting prior permission. She is more than willing to supply photos when asked.

Volunteer Needed

A volunteer is needed to report on near SE news and upcoming events. All interested persons should either email the editor, Dale MacIver at thesouthwester@yahoo.com or call at 202/237-0805.



Feb. 21 – Second Nationals Job Fair

Thursday, February 21 from 10 am - 2pm. is the new date for the Job Fair. Most positions are part-

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Southwest Community Calendar

Feb. 23 – Mar. 30

FRI. FEB. 22 King Greenleaf Recreation Center Open House, 1st & N St. SW, 6:00 pm

THURS. FEB. 28 NARFE, SW Library, 3rd & K SW, 1:30 pm

SAT. MAR. 15 Big Breakfast \$5, Christ United Methodist, 4th & I (Eye) Entrance by SW Library, 9-11 am

TUES. MAR. 4, Citizens Advisory Council, Police Hdqtrs., 415-4th St., SW, 7 pm

WED. MAR. 5 Hearing on New So. Capitol St. Bridge, Amidon School, 4th and I (Eye) St. SW, 6:30 pm

SUN. MAR. 9 start of daylight savings time

MON., MAR. 10 ANC Monthly meeting, St. Augustine's, 6th & M St., SW, 7 pm

THURS. MAR. 13 Councilmember Tommy Wells monthly "office hours" in SW, cafeteria of Channel Inn, 7th & Water St., SW, 8:00-9:30 am, Talk to the council member and his staff.

WED. MAR. 19th AARP, River Park, 1411 Delaware Ave., SW, 12 noon

THURS. MAR. 20, Police PSA public meeting, Harbour Square, 7 pm

FRI. MAR. 21-FRI. Mar. 28 Spring Vacation, DC Public Schools

SUN. MAR. 24 Easter

MON. MAR. 25, Public meeting of Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, St. Augustine's Church, 6th and Maine Ave. SW, 7:30 pm

THURS. MAR. 27th NARFE, SW Library, 3rd & K St., SW, 12:30 pm

FRI. MAR. 28 Arena Stage, Crystal City, VA, SW Night, View From the Bridge, \$20

SAT. MAR. 29-SUN. Apr. 13 National Cherry Blossom Festival

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SW Community House

By Rick Bardach

The Southwest Community House (SWCH), which has been a social service organization serving the residents of the near SW for about 100 years, has been closed for over two years (although volunteers were providing some services at times). The community has not been given any explanation until now as to why this action occurred. Mr. Alvin Hudgens, Board of Director's President and also part-time Interim Executive Director of the SWCH, wishes to rectify this lack of communication.

The SWCH, located since the mid-1970's at 156 Q Street, SW, has been funded for many years primarily by the United Planning Organization (UPO). Effective



in October, 2005, UPO ceased funding SWCH, thus necessitating the lay-off of all employees (there were 5 FT & 2 PT). Altho The Southwester has seen no documentation that clearly explains UPO's actions, it is understood that SWCH had not provided much requested documentation of its financial situation, including recent annual audits, and various statistical & programmatic reports that are required by UPO.

When UPO took this action, Mr. Hudgens became aware of many, many problems that the Executive Director, David Brewer, had not communicated to the Board of Directors. Mr. Brewer, who had been ED for about 7 years, resigned in October, 2005. Mr. Hudgens discovered many unpaid bills that totaled thousands of dollars. Note: SWCH operated on annual revenues of about \$ 185-200,000.

After many months of trying to deal with the various problems, the Board of Directors in June, 2006 voted to sell the property the corporation owned, since this was the only asset available to the corporation. The plan was to use the funds generated by the sale to pay off all outstanding debts, then purchase a smaller property in the 1500 block of Second Street, SW so that the SWCH could resume operations.

So in July, 2006, the SWCH property was sold to R&R Entertainment, LLC for \$575,000. The Southwester understands

that the seller agreed to a "Seller Take Back Note" for \$ 483,000, so at the time of the sale the SWCH received only \$ 92,000 in cash. Mr. Hudgens states that he has very detailed documentation to account for the actual cash payment made by the seller to

SWCH.

After October, 2005 UPO engaged the accounting firm of Gardiner Kamya & Associates to perform a full-scope audit of the SWCH books. UPO and Mr. Hudgens
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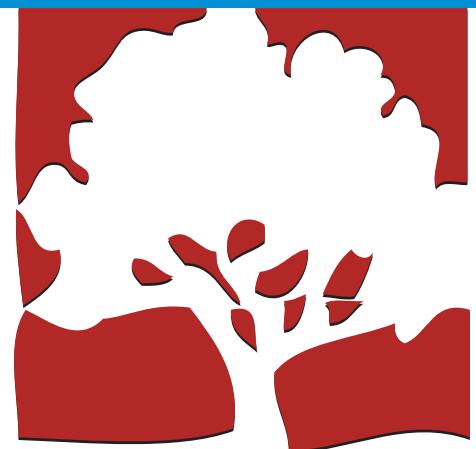
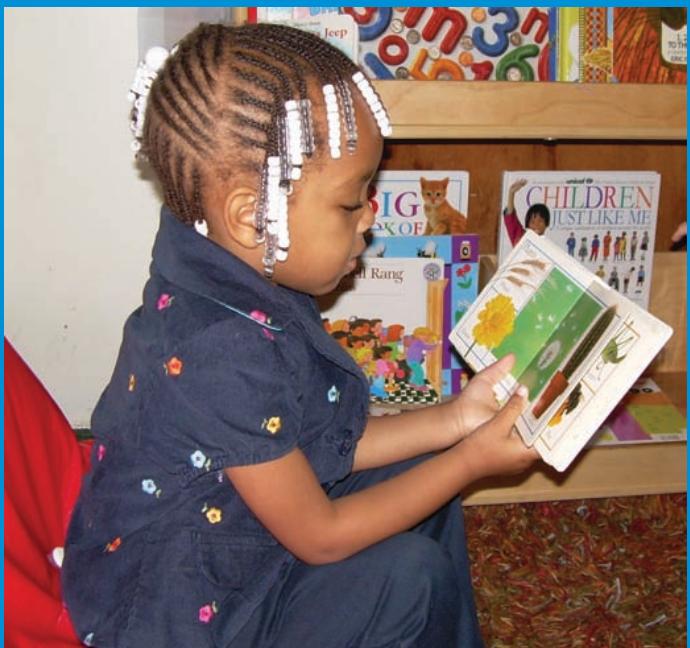
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Arena Stage

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\$125 million goal. This is due to many donations. A thanks goes to Gil and Jaylee Mead, who donated \$35 million, Arlene and Robert Kogod, \$7.5 million and to Beth Newburger Schwartz and Richard Schwartz for their new challenge, which when met will bring their donations to \$1 million.

Councilmember Tommy Wells said "that Arena chose to continue here in Southwest, is very important to all of us, it is a great endorsement to our city, it's a great catalyst for what is going to happen here, this Renaissance that my predecessor (Sharon Ambrose) helped lead for an extraordinary new area in our nations capital. Arena will be a jewel of many jewels in this crown."

Job Fair

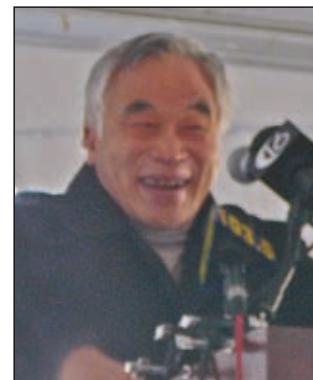
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time and seasonal. However, many of the employers have contracts for providing services at other entertainment sites such as the Convention Center, Verizon Center and Fed Ex Field who may make year-long work available to these staff at these other job sites if they are interested in working beyond the baseball season.

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Former council member, Sharon Ambrose and present councilmember, Tommy Wells



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Dean Turner, New Safeway Manager

By Carole Early

As many of you have noticed, the conditions at the Safeway in Waterfront Mall are in flux. After a period of real neglect, things are improving. Everything that is, except the cart problem.

The store manager, Dean Turner and I were talking on the phone in mid January. I remarked that usually only one or two lines were open. He told me that seven of the cashiers were open. I told him that he should take a picture of that.

He has discovered that due to the construction of Waterfront Mall, the security gate around the store was deactivated. He is working with the Police on the matter of the carts. He will have this fixed. He intends to contact the DC Housing Police to help on this issue.

Dean has been with Safeway Company



for 20 years. But he has been at this store for about 2 months. However, he is not new to this problem of missing carts. He seems to be taking a very pro-active part about this problem. He introduced me to the grocery manager, Tony Zambrana. Dean had requested that Tony be sent to work with him.

Jenny's Restaurant Receives Community Award



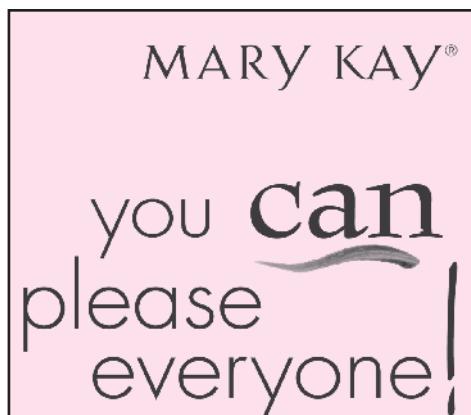
The SouthWest Waterfront Kiwanis Club presented Jenny Fusion's Restaurant with its Community Award. Dr. Howard N. Johnson, Past President, stated that the establishment was given the award in recognition for its support of Kiwanis Objectives and programs that aid the youth of Southwest.

Get Your Residential Parking Permit

If the Dist. 6 registration sticker in your car windshield already says RPP 6 (because you paid an extra \$15 when you renewed your auto registration), the new ballpark rules on curbside parking do not require you to pay another \$15 until your 2 year registration expires and you need to renew it.

If your registration sticker doesn't say RPP 6, you should go to the Dept. of Motor Vehicles at 95 M St. SW soon – fill in a form - and pay the \$15 if you want to be exempt from some of the new parking meters and rules for curbside parking in Near SW, Near SE and other places on

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Registration for the 2008 Summer Youth Employment Program will begin on December 10th for College Students only and on February 2, 2008 for all other youth participants. Interested youth must complete the 2008 Application. To register, youth are required to bring proof of their District residency, date of birth, citizenship/permanent residency,

and Social Security Number. College students must also bring a current resume and college transcript. Students who are in grades 7 through 12 must bring a copy of their current report card (for information purposes only). Registration will take place at the Department of Employment Services' Office of Youth Programs, at 625 H Street, NE, 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday.

The ten-week summer program will begin on Monday, June 16 and end Friday, August 22. Youth who have registered and are hired will receive worksite notifications before the June 25 start date.

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Randall Project Gets Final OK

The DC Zoning Commission has approved the plan to convert Randall School property into an apartment house developed by Monument Realty and the art school run by the Corcoran Gallery. On January 14, on an application by Monument Realty and the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the DC Zoning Commission gave final approval to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for renovation of the Randall Junior High School, 65 I St., SW.

By Fall 2011, the Corcoran expects to move much of its College of Art + Design into the three original Randall buildings on I Street. Monument will replace the

less-historic Randall buildings on H Street with a new 10-story 480-unit apartment building.

Corcoran director Paul Greenhalgh calls the Randall project a "unique combination of the historic and the state-of-the-art" that will help the Corcoran College become "the art school of the future." For Corcoran Special Projects director Jocelyn File, the Randall project presents a "wonderful opportunity to expand our educational programs and community outreach."

For a list of the Corcoran's additional help to the Community, please see the December '07 issue of the Southwester.

Schedule for 401 M St., SW Waterfront Mall

According to Vornado/Charles E. Smith, the Construction Company:

*Demolition should be finished and debris will be hauled off by the end of Feb. 2008

*New construction for the 2 office

buildings will start then, as well as, the construction of 4th Street and both should be completed by early 2010

*The National Capitol Planning Commission has approved the PUD.

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Officers Installed

NARFE Chapter 2052 officers installed on Friday, January 25, 2008 at the Chapter's Luncheon. Photo by Jacquelyn Lowe, Public Relations. Left to right: Ms. Vera Abbott, President and Ms. Shirley Lane, Vice President.

New director of King-Greenleaf Recreation Center

By Thelma D. Jones

Henry T. Moton, IV, a long-time District resident, recently became the new director of King-Greenleaf Recreation Center in Southwest. Moton, who has worked in the recreation field for over 15 years, says his interest in recreation began when he was a child.

Moton's aunt and uncle, who worked in the field, would share their exciting experiences, and he'd say, "That's what I want to do when I grow up."

Moton graduated from DuVal Senior HS in Lanham, MD, and received a Bachelor's degree in education from UDC. Since 1992, Moton has held assignments at various District recreation centers, including Langdon Park, Benning Stoddard, Savoy, Ft. Greble, and Hart. His professionalism and passion for his work earned Moton a managerial position in 2001.

At a recent presentation to the SW Neighborhood Assembly Youth Activities Task Force, Moton shared his vision for the center. He wants to work closer



Henry T. Moton, IV

with the current partners, while developing new partnerships and adapting some best practices that proved successful at other centers. He would like to create a "Friends of the King-Greenleaf Rec Center" and would like help from SWNA-YATF and the community to do this. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Friends of King-Greenleaf

Rec Center, please call 202-646-7454. In addition to sports' activities, Moton would like to offer life skills programs such as the SWNA-YATF-sponsored Computer-for-Kids training.

Moton directs five full-time recreational specialists, who serve more than 160 kids a day. King-Greenleaf, one of the mega recreation centers in the District, will hold an open house on Friday, February 22, at 6 pm. The address of the center is 201 N Street, SW. All members of the community are welcome. Moton has a lot on his plate these days and if that is not enough, he smiles and announces: "I'm getting married in November so that's a lot!"

Thelma Jones Becomes a Certified Breast Health Educator

Congratulations to SW civic leader Thelma Jones for turning a challenge into an opportunity. Jones recently became a certified breast health educator through the American Cancer Society. Trained under the tutelage of renowned Lillie Shockney, RN, MAS, at Johns Hopkins Breast Center in Baltimore, MD, Jones was among approximately 50 people who completed the three-hour certification. As a breast health educator, Jones is now equipped to do community education programs on breast cancer awareness while also sharing her personal experience with breast cancer. Diagnosed in June 2007 shortly after her retirement from the World Bank, Jones has been successfully undergoing intensive treatment for a rare form of breast cancer. She welcomes calls from individuals and groups (professional groups, churches, PTA, clubs, sororities and fraternities) to help raise awareness on breast cancer and to talk about her journey and road to recovery. Jones can be reached at (202) 488-3746 or TJones15@verizon.net.

House

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now have the audits for fiscal years 2004 & 2005 (Oct. 1, 2003 thru Sept. 30, 2005).

The SWCH Board engaged a couple professionals to assist them in dealing with the problems they faced and with the sale of the property. They are: Henry M. Terrell & Associates PLLC and Donna M. Forrest, financial consultant & licensed real estate agent.

Unfortunately, the buyer of the property has not complied with the conditions of the sale. As previously mentioned, the seller granted the buyer a "Seller Take Back Note" for \$ 483,000. This note was originally due payable Dec. 25, 2006 but subsequently extended to March 31, 2007. Mr. Henry Terrell wrote a letter to Mr. Ronald V. Lee, Managing Member of R&R Entertainment, dated Aug. 7, 2007, stating that "full payment must be immediately made." No action has occurred as of Sept. 1, 2007.

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King Greenleaf Rec Center Cheerleaders

Cheerleaders practice with Coaches Shannon Campbell and Leonardo "Legendary" Woods (in rear) at King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Shown in the front is Ebony Hansberry. In back is Dahniuea Gray. In between are (left to right) Ronyae Bellamy, Barae Graves, Heniaya Moton, Alayah Brown, Daytia Foote, Qudaysia Hudgens



13-15 Basketball at KGL

Coach Scott with his 13-15 year old basketball team at King Greenleaf Rec Center are (left to right in back) Adrienne, Kenasd, Donte and Jovan. Front row: Tyrick, Drayon, Hassem

Sassy Seniors

Kim Campbell, staff member at King Greenleaf Rec. Center (645-7454) reports the following Special Events for seniors ages 55 and up in coming weeks:

- Fri. Feb. 22, 11 am – Black History Celebration
- Mon. Feb. 25, 11 am – Grandparents Support Group
- Wed. Feb. 27, 11 am – Basic Home Repair: Toilet Tank Repair
- Fri. Mar. 7, 11 am – trip to AMC Movie Theatre in Alexandria, VA
- Wed. Mar. 12, 11 am - Nutrition:



Basic Home Repair Class

On the left, Ruby Cleveland is using a caulking tool on a sample window frame in the Sassy Seniors Basic Home Repair workshop at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center. Also shown are Barbara Jones and Jermaiah Green. The class is taught by an Agriculture Extension Service teacher.

- Food Safety for Seniors
- Wed. Mar. 19, 11 am Financial Planning
- Wed. Mar. 26, 11 am Home Repair: Test & Install Smoke Detectors

Activities on different days of the week Mon.-Thurs. between 10 am and 2 pm often include Aerobics, computer instruction, bid whist and table & board games, prize bingo and sometimes potluck lunch. Call 645-7454 to see what Kim Campbell has arranged for you.



Quilt-making at the Rec

The Sassy Senior morning program at King Greenleaf Recreation Center at First & N SW includes a sewing class making quilts. Left to right are Donna Burnett, Bernice Elliott, and Kim Campbell (Director of Sassy Seniors).

Computer for Kids Program

By Thelma D. Jones, SWNA Youth Activities Task Force

New instructor Craig Ferguson will begin teaching the SWNA – YATF Computer-for-Kids Program in early February. Retired from the U.S. Air Force after 24 years, Ferguson has held a wide range of teaching assignments with the Air Force, including ROTC Instructor/Department Chair at Ballou SHS and at Southwest Texas State University where he taught over 600 students to become prospective officers. In addition, he has taught specialized courses at neighboring Bolling AFB. Ferguson holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL and a Master's in International Relations from Troy State University, Troy Alabama. He also holds an Office of Academic Credentials and Standards to teach K-12 in the DC public schools' system.

Ferguson recently completed the Georgetown University's Center for Professional Development Multi-Certificate Program which included training in computer operations and networking. He has a passion for teaching and mentoring young people and said: "My life story began very similar to the young people for whom your program is serving. I intimately know the challenges that these



New instructor Craig Ferguson

young folk face on daily bases as they aspire to, and for, something better." Ferguson is married to Dawn Hodge and they live in Southwest DC. He will join with current volunteer instructors Gerald Brown and LaShawn Williams in meeting the growing demand for providing computer training for neighborhood youth who are either interested in taking the training for the first time or resuming training started during the last training session.

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South Capitol Street Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Public Hearing and Call for Comments

The District Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration invite you to the following Public Hearings to discuss the proposed alternatives for the South Capitol Street Corridor:

Tuesday, March 4, 2008
6:30 - 8:30 PM
 Birney Elementary School
 2501 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave SE
(near Anacostia Metro)

Wednesday, March 5, 2008
6:30 - 8:30 PM
 Amidon Elementary School
 401 Eye Street SW
(near Waterfront-SEU Metro)

Both hearings will have the same agenda and will provide you with an opportunity to receive information and submit official comments concerning the South Capitol Street DEIS. The document includes two Build Alternatives that would reconstruct South Capitol Street and Suitland Parkway and replace the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge to improve safety, accessibility, and multimodal mobility and support economic development. A Preferred Alternative has not yet been identified.

The South Capitol Street DEIS will be available for review at www.southcapitoleis.com and at various public places beginning February 15, 2008. Comments will be accepted through March 31, 2008 and can be submitted in the following ways:

- Attend a Public Hearing on March 4 or 5
- Fill out the comment form on the project website, www.southcapitoleis.com
- Email project representatives at comments@southcapitoleis.com
- Contact Barton Clark at DDOT-IPMA, 64 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002

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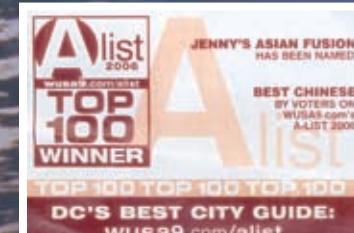
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